

AT AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA HELD ON THE 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015 IN THE BOARD CHAMBERS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 755 ROANOKE STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA:

PRESENT:	William H. Brown	-Chair
	Mary W. Biggs	-Vice Chair
	Gary D. Creed	-Supervisors
	Christopher A. Tuck	
	Matthew R. Gabriele	
	M. Todd King	
	Annette S. Perkins	
	F. Craig Meadows	-County Administrator
	L. Carol Edmonds	-Deputy County Administrator
	Martin M. McMahon	-County Attorney
	Brian Hamilton	-Director of Economic Development
	Vickie Swinney	-Secretary, Board of Supervisors

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

INTO CLOSED MEETING

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Christopher A. Tuck and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby enters into Closed Meeting for the purpose of discussing the following:

- Section 2.2-3711 (5) Discussion Concerning a Prospective Business or Industry or the Expansion of an Existing Business or Industry Where No Previous Announcement Has Been Made of the Business of Industry's Interest in Locating or Expanding Its Facilities in the Community
1. Project #2014-047
- (7) Consultation With Legal Counsel and Briefings From Staff Members or Consultants Pertaining to Actual or Probable Litigation, Where Such Consultation or Briefing in Open Meeting Would Adversely Affect the Negotiating or Litigating Posture of the Public Body, and Consultation With Legal Counsel Employed or Retained by a Public Body Regarding Specific Legal Matters Requiring Provision of Legal Advice by Such Counsel
1. BackCountry.com
2. Aeroprobe

- (1) Discussion, Consideration or Interviews of Prospective Candidates for Employment, Assignment, Appointment, Promotion, Performance, Demotion, Salaries, Disciplining or Resignation of Specific Officers, Appointees or Employees of Any Public Body

1. Economic Development Authority

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

AYE

Mary W. Biggs
Christopher A. Tuck
Annette S. Perkins
Gary D. Creed
M. Todd King
Matthew R. Gabriele
William H. Brown

NAY

None

OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

On a motion by Gary D. Creed, seconded by Matthew R. Gabriele and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors ends their Closed Meeting to return to Regular Session. The vote was as follows:

AYE

Gary D. Creed
Matthew R. Gabriele
Mary W. Biggs
Annette S. Perkins
M. Todd King
Christopher A. Tuck
William H. Brown

NAY

None

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

On a motion by M. Todd King, seconded by Christopher A. Tuck and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County has convened a Closed Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby certified that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were

discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion conveying the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

VOTE

AYES

M. Todd King
Christopher A. Tuck
Gary D. Creed
Annette S. Perkins
Mary W. Biggs
Matthew R. Gabriele
William H. Brown

NAYS

None

ABSENT DURING VOTE

None

ABSENT DURING MEETING

None

INVOCATION

A moment of silence was led by the Chair.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, AND AWARDS

Employee Retirement Service Award

The Board presented a plaque to Karen Edmonds in recognition of her years of service to Montgomery County. Karen was the Human Resources Director from 1999-2014.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

Bill Murray 401 Givens Lane, Blacksburg Mr. Murray addressed the Board about Fieldstone Development's proposed construction project to build 60 senior residences and 84 affordable workforce residences, and relocate citizens who are currently living in Blacksburg Estates Mobile Home Park. Mr. Murray is one of the residents of the mobile home park, and relocation is a problem for many of those living there. Most of the current residents in the park are living on some sort of disability or social security with an average income around \$10,000. For the new

construction developers are proposing a rent of \$435 per month which is over 50% of their income. It is not affordable and no senior on social security could continue to live there even if they were accepted into the development. Mr. Murray asked that this project be halted until details and relocation of all the residents are complete. He sees the problem spilling over into the County because where are the people going to live, there is no place in Blacksburg because of the high rent. Blacksburg and the County face the possibility of disabled and senior citizens being homeless.

Lynda Majors 2620 Mt. Tabor Road, Blacksburg Ms. Majors addressed her concerns about the alternative routes for the Mountain Valley Pipeline, two of which are in Montgomery County. One is 87 which goes along Coal Bank Hollow Road and goes through a conservation easement. The conservation easement prohibits grading, blasting and earth removal, but MVP went ahead and put it on the list. Ms. Majors believes this was done to avoid the Preston Forest area. Alternative 93 treks through Slusser Chapel's cave conservation area that has been identified by the state, and because of the karst terrain the water goes right down into the Mill Creek watershed. It seems to her that alternatives are being proposed that shouldn't even be proposed, that MVP is just drawing a line on a map, and she wanted to bring it to the Board's attention prior to their work session later in this meeting.

Tina Badger 4181 Bluebird Drive, Elliston Speaking on behalf of Preserve Montgomery County, Virginia, Ms. Badger spoke about Alternative 110 which takes the pipeline largely out of Montgomery County, but there is still a small corner down in Elliston that will be affected, and she asked that the Board continue to stand behind the citizens in opposing this. Ms. Badger stated that approximately a month ago, while driving down Northfork Road just past Lancer's Truck Stop, she noticed two Mountain Valley Pipeline survey stakes right off of Northfork Road, neither of which is on the published routes. They are obviously surveying different areas that they're not publishing routes for. There is no way they can go from the 110 route over in Roanoke County and cut back to this without cutting right across Fort Lewis Mountain and coming back down. Ms. Badger lives right on the Roanoke/Montgomery County line. She is a citizen of Montgomery County, but this would affect her even greater than it would if it stayed in the original route, so citizens of Montgomery County are still being affected regardless of whether they change their route.

Brad Klein 4656 Susannah Drive addressed his concerns about the alternate routes that are being proposed in Montgomery County for the Mountain Valley Pipeline. Mr. Klein believes there are too many routes that have been proposed that would affect the plight of the citizens of Montgomery County who would originally have been affected by the pipeline, and he doesn't think these routes are any different in terms of the dangers posed to the citizens of Montgomery County. He agrees that alternate routes 93 and 83, which appear to affect Preston Forest, would be a noose around the neck of Preston Forest. These alternate routes, as opposed to going through Preston Forest, go right around the edges of Preston Forest, and as such they introduce additional dangers to the residents in that area. Alternate route 93 now goes along Jefferson Forest Drive and cuts off egress for everyone on Jefferson Forest Drive in case of fire. It also cuts off egress for everyone on Susannah Drive because the only egress for people on Susannah Drive is Jefferson Forest Drive. Additionally, the alternate route 87 goes along Coal Bank Hollow and major egresses for Preston Forest would be cut off if there is a problem with that portion that goes along Coal Bank Hollow. The overriding issue is that the alternate routes do not do anything to improve the safety and wellbeing of the people in Montgomery County and Mr. Klein asked that the Board continue to oppose this project.

Margaret Roston 2124 Mt. Tabor Road, Blacksburg Ms. Roston said obviously Preston Forest is being put in a stranglehold but Coal Bank Hollow and Coal Bank Ridge residents will be cut off completely if the pipeline goes down Coal Bank Hollow Road, but the point is, as far as she is concerned, the pipeline is not needed for anyone except to make money for the stock holders of this particular company, or the oil companies. Whether it's going farther down Mt. Tabor Road or into the next county, it's going to affect someone's water, it's going to cause forest fires somewhere. It is Ms. Roston's understanding that the original route was going to go through the smallest portion of the national forest as possible, which would be a much straighter line than some of the other routes, but that means more national forest. We need our national forests, we need our national parks and it is up to entities like ours to say this is not good either. Why are we destroying national forests for the private interests of a handful of stockholders? She believes that natural gas is on its way out and will not be as important as other energy sources such as solar. That means we will be stuck with infrastructure for decades and the taxpayers will be left to pay for the cleanup.

Doug Chancey 2068 Lusters Gate Road, Blacksburg Mr. Chancey feels like we are still in the 20th century when corporations are in control of where oil and gas and fossil fuels are still trying to give the citizens the burden of their plans by bypassing any benefit for communities in the Appalachian Mountains. Not just Montgomery County, but the entire area and to think we can keep taking everything from Mother Earth is not forward thinking. He suggested that we start using our farms to locate solar panels, and put solar panels on the public buildings in downtown Christiansburg. We need the alternative energies that are the energies of the future and we should be using them right now. The production of fossil fuels needs to be stopped and we need to come up with better ways, one of which is industrial hemp which has just been legalized to grow as a research project and can be processed into fuel.

There being no further speakers, the Public Address session was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Matthew R. Gabriele, seconded by Christopher A. Tuck and carried unanimously, the Consent Agenda dated February 23, 2015 was approved. The vote was as follows:

AYE

Matthew R. Gabriele
Christopher A. Tuck
Gary D. Creed
Annette S. Perkins
M. Todd King
Mary W. Biggs
William H. Brown

NAY

None

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Matthew R. Gabriele, seconded by Christopher A. Tuck and carried unanimously, the minutes dated October 27, October 28, November 3, and November 5, 2014 were approved.

R-FY-15-85
SCHEDULE JOINT PUBLIC HEARING WITH VDOT
6-YEAR SECONDARY ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLAN

On a motion by Matthew R. Gabriele, seconded by Christopher A. Tuck and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby schedules a joint public hearing for **Monday, April 13, 2015** at **7:15 p.m.** or soon thereafter, in the Board Chambers located on the Second Floor in the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia to hear citizen comments on the proposed **Six-Year Secondary Road Improvement Plan** for Montgomery County for Fiscal Years 2015/16 through 2020/21 and on the establishment of priorities for the 2015-2016 budget year. Rural Addition requests will also be received at this public hearing.

Schedule Public Hearing on a Request from Shentel for a Public Utility Easement at Blacksburg Middle School and Kipps Elementary School-Prices Fork Road

R-FY-15-86
A RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING ON
SHENANDOAH CABLE TELEVISION, LLC'S ("SHENTEL") REQUEST
FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONVEY A TEN FOOT
EASEMENT TO SHENANDOAH CABLE TELEVISION, LLC ADJACENT TO
PRICES FORK ROAD ON COUNTY PROPERTY COMMONLY REFERRED TO
AS BLACKSBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL AND KIPPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On a motion by Matthew R. Gabriele, seconded by Christopher A. Tuck and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby agrees to schedule a public hearing for **Monday, March 23, 2015** at **7:15 p.m.** or as soon thereafter in the Board Chambers at the Montgomery County Government Center, located at 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia in order to hear citizen comments on Shenandoah Cable Television, LLC's request for the Board of Supervisors to convey a ten-foot (10') wide easement to Shenandoah Cable Television, LLC adjacent to Prices Fork Road on County Property Tax Map No. 283-1-6 commonly referred to as the Blacksburg Middle School and Kipps Elementary School in the Town of Blacksburg, Prices Fork Magisterial District.

Appropriations

A-FY-15-67
EMERGENCY SERVICES COORDINATOR
LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGERS PLANNING GRANT

On a motion by Matthew R. Gabriele, seconded by Christopher A. Tuck and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors that the General Fund was granted an appropriation in addition to the annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 for the function and in the amount as follows:

111	Emergency Services Coordinator Grants	\$29,514
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The source of funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

Revenue Account

991111-424401	State Grants	\$29,514
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Said resolution appropriates the Local Emergency Managers Planning Grant (LEMPG) grant award.

**A-FY-15-68
RSVP DONATIONS
AND FUNDRAISING**

On a motion by Matthew R. Gabriele, seconded by Christopher A. Tuck and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the General Fund was granted an appropriation in addition to the annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 for the function and in the amount as follows:

520	Human Services	\$10,789
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The source of funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

Revenue Account

025202-416158	Donations RSVP	\$10,789
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Said resolution appropriates donations and fundraising monies for use by the RSVP.

**A-FY-15-69
SHERIFF
RECOVERED COSTS**

On a motion by Matthew R. Gabriele, seconded by Christopher A. Tuck and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the General Fund was granted an appropriation in addition to the annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 for the function and in the amount as follows:

310	Sheriff Comp Board	\$ 772
320	Sheriff County	\$12,095
321	Sheriff County	\$ 231
322	Sheriff Project Lifesaver	<u>\$ 185</u>
	Total	\$13,283

The sources of funds for the foregoing appropriation are as follows:

Revenue Account

419108 Recovered Costs	\$12,867
419104 Confiscations	\$ 231
424401 Project Lifesaver	<u>\$ 185</u>
Total	\$13,283

Said resolution appropriates recovered costs, confiscations and Project Lifesaver funds.

Agreements

R-FY-15-87

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES
THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY COMMUNITY POLICY AND
MANAGEMENT TEAM RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF
SERVICES TO YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES UNDER THE
COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES ACT FOR AT RISK YOUTH AND
FAMILIES (CSA) FOR FY 2015-2016**

On a motion by Matthew R. Gabriele, seconded by Christopher A. Tuck and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT) has drafted an Agreement for Services for those providers of services to youth and their families through the CPMT and the Comprehensive Services Act for At-Risk Youth and Families (CSA); and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors approves the proposed Agreement for Services between providers of services and the CPMT for FY 2015 and FY 2016 relating to the provision of services to youth and their families under the CSA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the proposed Agreement for Services between providers of services and the Montgomery County CPMT for FY 2015 and FY 2016 relating to the provision of services to youth and their families under the CSA.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Chair of the CPMT to sign these provider agreements.

Refer to Planning Commission-Request from New River Valley Beekeepers Association to Amend County Code to Allow Keeping of Bees in Residential Zoning

R-FY-15-88

**RESOLUTION REFERRING THE NEW RIVER VALLEY
BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION REQUEST FOR THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONSIDER AMENDING THE
COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE TO PERMIT BEEKEEPING
IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION
FOR THEIR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION**

On a motion by Matthew R. Gabriele, seconded by Christopher A. Tuck and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The New River Valley Beekeepers' Association has requested the Board of Supervisors to consider amending the County Zoning Ordinance to permit beekeeping in residential zones in the County; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors desires to refer this request to the Montgomery County Planning Commission in order to have the Planning Commission study the request and make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby refers the request made by the New River Valley Beekeepers' Association for the Board of Supervisors to consider amending the County zoning ordinance to permit beekeeping in residential zones to the Planning Commission in order for the Planning Commission to study the request and make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on whether beekeeping should be allowed in residential zones and if so under what regulations.

Appointments

R-FY-15-89
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMISSION
RE-APPOINT MCPS REPRESENTATIVE
REBECCA MUMMAU

On a motion by Matthew R. Gabriele, seconded by Christopher A. Tuck and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby reappoints **Rebecca Mummau** to the **Transportation Safety Commission** effective March 10, 2015 and expiring March 9, 2018.

INTO WORK SESSION

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by M. Todd King and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby enters into Work Session for the purpose of discussing the following:

1. Commissioner of the Revenue-Proration of Personal Property Tax
2. Fieldstone Housing Development
3. Mountain Valley Pipeline (Officials from MVP will update the Board on information regarding the project)

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

AYE

Mary W. Biggs
M. Todd King
Matthew R. Gabriele
Christopher A. Tuck
Annette S. Perkins
Gary D. Creed
William H. Brown

NAY

None

Commissioner of the Revenue-Proration of Personal Property Tax

Commissioner of the Revenue Helen Royal briefly reviewed the information she had gathered about pro-ration of personal property taxes from other counties in Virginia. Of the 95 counties in Virginia, 33 do pro-ration and 62 do not. Since Montgomery County has not done pro-ration before, the Commissioner explained that she would prefer to do a “test run” before going live with the pro-ration. If the Commissioner’s office did six months of 2015, she believes they would be ready for January 1, 2016. She also advised the Board that the additional position she had requested for her office was included in her FY 2016 budget request.

Supervisor Gabriele sees pro-ration as a good value for the money and is something the Board should pursue. Supervisor Mary Biggs asked if the Board needed to act on the matter after going out of Work Session. The County Attorney advised that the Board would need to adopt an ordinance to implement pro-ration for personal property taxes, but it would be wise not to adopt an ordinance before January in order to find out if it works first.

Supervisor Gabriele asked if there was Board consensus to indicate interest in the Commissioner of the Revenue investigating or studying this further. The County Administrator said if there was consensus of the Board to move forward with this concept, then he will include it in the budget that is presented to the Board. Supervisor Gabriele indicated his willingness to go along with this as long as the Commissioner said there is clarity that this new position is a temporary position until January, until we decide to move forward with it.

There was consensus from the Board for the Commissioner of the Revenue to move forward with testing pro-ration of personal property taxes for six months of 2015.

Fieldstone Housing Development

The County Administrator explained that this matter was listed under work session for the purpose of discussion. Financial incentives the developer is seeking for this project includes approximately \$605,000 from the Town of Blacksburg over 15 years for waived fees, and approximately \$395,000 of in-kind value because of the use of a stormwater management facility that is located near the site. Using the same assumptions for the County in terms of value, 144 units investment of approximately \$50,000 a year would result in about \$7.2 million increase in property assessment, and if you take the annual increase over the current evaluation that would result in an incentive of a little less than \$59,000 a year with a total of \$883,000 over 15 years.

Supervisor Chris Tuck asked for clarification on their request that their property tax be assessed at current value for the next 15 years, and what would happen if the tax rates rise. The County Administrator responded that it would depend on what the Board would want to do. The Board could say we will provide 15 years’ incentive based on the current rate, or you could say you’ll provide 15 years of incentives based on whatever the rate is for that particular year. This is something that could be negotiated as a part of the package.

Supervisor Tuck asked if the Board of Supervisors had ever provided similar incentives. The County Administrator responded that a few years back there was a workforce housing project that was done on Pepper’s Ferry Road across from Bethel Elementary School. There were several investors involved, but they did go through the EDA’s financing.

Supervisor Mary Biggs addressed the fact that this particular project, Fieldstone Development, is in the Town of Blacksburg, which is a part of the County. But if you do something that’s in one town, then it could be that another project would come along in Christiansburg, and we would be

expected to do it on the next project, and the next project, and so on. She has another concern after listening to Bill Murray, who spoke earlier in this meeting during public address. Mr. Murray is one of the residents in the mobile home park that will be displaced but cannot pay the high amount of rent that will be charged. Supervisor Biggs thought everything had been worked out with the developer to relocate these residents. She asked that a complete update be provided by the developer, to the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Tuck's understanding is that this development is not for low income, but for basically lower middle class and not designed for the people that are currently living in the mobile home park. When he asked the developer during his presentation at an earlier meeting if the developer was going to pay for the move of individuals' mobile homes over to another park, he said yes. Now some of the mobile homes can't be moved because of their age and stability issues, and the developer did not say that he would replace them.

Supervisor Bill Brown's impression was that they had worked out moving all but about 10 of the mobile homes, and the developers were still negotiating with those 10 people. He reminded the Board that there has been a lot of talk in both the towns and the county about the need for workforce housing. In being cautious, he hopes we don't miss the opportunity for low to moderate income people to have a place to live. We need to proceed cautiously because there are two parts to this puzzle, one being the town of Blacksburg and the other being the County. Supervisor Brown agreed with Supervisor Gary Creed, that if the Board decides to move forward, we need to make sure that the people who live there are taken care of and not put out to the street.

The County Administrator explained that he was looking for direction on whether to tentatively schedule a work session before Monday's PSA meeting to further discuss this, assuming that the Blacksburg Town Council approves their incentive package at tomorrow's Town Council meeting. If the Town Council doesn't take action or doesn't approve the developer's request for incentives, then there won't be a need for the meeting.

Supervisor Annette Perkins remembers that in getting these Tax Credit Incentives there is a lot of competitiveness and isn't sure if this comes through federal government or through state government. She suggested that the developer needs to provide information that will clarify how the process works.

The County Administrator recommended that, if the Town Council moves the project forward in some form or fashion at their meeting tomorrow, that the Board of Supervisors have this on as a work session item next Monday, and the developer will be asked to attend to answer questions. If the Town does not move it forward tomorrow night, the County Administrator can still forward some questions to the developer, but a work session will not be needed.

Supervisor Biggs made a point that the Board of Supervisors needs to remember that they are being asked to give up potential revenue from the one and only source that brings any revenue into the county. That needs to be weighed with what the good of it would be.

Supervisor Matt Gabriele agreed with Supervisor Biggs' comment, and also the comment that was made earlier about the development being entirely within the Town limits and the Board of Supervisors is being asked to intervene. Supervisor Gabriele said he would like to see some alternative suggestions.

The Chair summarized by saying that if nothing happens on this project the tax rate is going to stay the same anyway, and it might be assessed even lower with the mobile homes, so if the

developer did not go through with the plans, we still get the same money that we're getting even if it's the next 10 or 15 years. So, if we keep the same money over here and have some incentives for them to develop it we're getting about the same money, but eventually we will get some more money. It needs to be looked at both ways.

Mountain Valley Pipeline

Max Macon, representative for Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) provided the following update to the Board of Supervisors:

MVP representatives have spent the last several months talking to thousands of stake holders across the communities that the proposed pipeline will route through to hear their concerns and to carefully consider their feedback. MVP is committed to identifying the best route with the least impact to landowners, environment, and cultural resources, and are currently identifying and evaluating some alternative routes that have been mentioned. Those alternative options have been filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). They have begun contacting landowners in the communities that are involved in those alternate routes. The next few months will be spent evaluating the alternatives from a number of different aspects: topography, constructability, and evaluation of the environmental, historical and cultural resources impacted. The decision on whether to use any or all or some of these alternatives will be made as they continue through the pre-filing and scoping process with FERC. The MVP is approximately four months into a 24-month regulatory process with the FERC.

Following a question and answer period with Board members, Mr. Macon announced that the expected next step would be for FERC to hold their scoping meetings. MVP, as the applicant, held fourteen public open houses and FERC will come back into the communities and hold public meetings for Question and Answer with the FERC project manager. The MVP representative will notify the Board of Supervisors when the meetings have been scheduled. MVP will forward the final route report to the Board when they submit the filing to FERC, which should be in October 2015.

The next quarterly update from MVP is tentatively scheduled for the May 26, 2015 Board meeting.

OUT OF WORK SESSION

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by Christopher A. Tuck and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors ends their Work Session to return to Regular Session. The vote was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Annette S. Perkins	None
Christopher A. Tuck	
Gary D. Creed	
M. Todd King	
Matthew R. Gabriele	
Mary W. Biggs	
William H. Brown	

The Chair declared a recess at 9:30 p.m. The Board reconvened at 9:45 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

OneVirginia 2021-Virginians for Fair Redistricting

R-FY-15-90

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE ORGANIZATION ONE VIRGINIA 2021: VIRGINIANS FOR FAIR REDISTRICTING TO DEPOLITICIZE THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS OF LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT LINES

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Matthew R. Gabriele and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, Redistricting, the act of redrawing legislative district lines, is a necessary process that occurs after every decennial census to account for growth and settlement patterns over time with the benign goal of ensuring districts have roughly equal populations; and

WHEREAS, The organization OneVirginia2021 supports the belief that Virginia's historical practice of redistricting by the majority party in each legislative chamber is an outdated practice that stifles political competition, discourages compromise and ensures continued control by the party in power; and

WHEREAS, OneVirginia2021 believes that Virginia's state and congressional districts belong to its citizens and not to any legislator, interest group or political party; and

WHEREAS, OneVirginia2021 believes the redistricting process should not be a tool used by those in power to protect and bolster their power, but should be designed with the best interest of Virginia's democracy and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, The current redistricting process has rendered up to 90 percent of all Virginia House of Delegates and U.S. congressional districts uncompetitive; and

WHEREAS, No disparagement is meant to any political party since each party within the current process has been guilty of setting the boundaries to its advantage; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia strives to promote, adopt, and support ideas that improve the democratic process and allow for better citizen representation; and

WHEREAS, The need is critical to restore trust, compromise and fair competition to Virginia politics.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the Board expresses its full support for the goals of OneVirginia 2021; Virginians for Fair Redistricting to depoliticize the redrawing of legislative district lines with an approach that advocates for fairness, transparency and accountability, keeps the citizens' interests in mind, and encourages healthy debate and participation by the public in the process.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYE

Mary W. Biggs
Matthew R. Gabriele
M. Todd King
Gary D. Creed
Annette S. Perkins
Christopher A. Tuck
William H. Brown

NAY

None

Proclamation-Take Back the Night Rally and March

**R-FY-15-91
PROCLAMATION
TAKE BACK THE NIGHT
RALLY AND MARCH**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Matthew R. Gabriele and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The first *Take Back the Night* event was held in Germany in 1973 in response to a series of sexual assaults, rapes, and murders; and

WHEREAS, Five years later in the United States, a *Take Back the Night* march was held in San Francisco where over 5,000 women from 30 states participated; and

WHEREAS, Since then, marches have been held throughout the U.S., Canada, Latin America, India, and Europe; and

WHEREAS, *Take Back the Night* marches have been held in Richmond and Charlottesville, and at Hollins University, Radford University, Roanoke College, and Virginia Tech; and

WHEREAS, Marchers have called attention to violence against women—sexual harassment, misogyny, rape, and murder, this violence affects both individuals in the community and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, The 26th annual *Take Back the Night* Rally and March will be held Thursday, March 26, 2015 beginning at 7:00 p.m., participants will gather on the Henderson Lawn at Virginia Tech to bring our community together to protest violence against women and to promote awareness of attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors which perpetuate this violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia supports the 26th annual *Take Back the Night* event which is part of Women's Month 2015.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYE

Mary W. Biggs
Matthew R. Gabriele
M. Todd King
Annette S. Perkins
Gary D. Creed
Christopher A. Tuck
William H. Brown

NAY

None

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report from the County Attorney.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The County Administrator reported good news from the General Assembly:

- 1) HB 1417 which was introduced by Delegate Joseph Yost to address some of the split precinct issues in District 7, 8, and 12, passed the Senate 22-18, and had been passed by the House so as soon as the Governor signs it, that will address our split precinct issue.
- 2) The budget conferees over the weekend agreed to remove the requirement for the \$30 million reimbursement from localities, which will at least help a little as we move forward with the budget.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Supervisor Tuck - CSX Train Derailment Supervisor Tuck shared information about the CSX train derailment up in West Virginia that resulted in a large fire that damaged CSX lines. As a result, CSX has contracted with Norfolk Southern to bring these oil trains through the New River Valley, probably five trains per day carrying anywhere from 24,000 and 70,000 barrels of oil, until CSX rail lines are repaired.

Supervisor Gabriele-Montgomery Regional Economic Development Commission (EDC)
Supervisor Gabriele will attend the EDC meeting on Thursday and make a report to the BoS at the next meeting.

March 9th Meeting for Presentation of Budget Unfortunately, Supervisor Gabriele will be out of the country for a conference on March 9th and will not attend the March 9th BoS meeting.

Supervisor King – Thank you to employees Supervisors King expressed his appreciation to the employees in General Services for their work during the recent snow storm. They got out and worked half the night, or maybe all night. Supervisor King said he also appreciated everything they did for the citizens.

Supervisor Biggs –Upcoming meetings Supervisor Biggs will be attending the Library Board meeting on Wednesday, Community Services Board meeting on Thursday, and a County/School Liaison meeting on the 26th at 4:30 p.m.

Supervisor Perkins – Upcoming Meetings Supervisor Perkins will be attending the Roanoke Area MPO meeting tomorrow and the NRV Planning District Commission meeting on Thursday. She also participated in the budget committee meetings for Pepper’s Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority.

Editorial in Sunday Newspaper Supervisor Perkins informed the Board of an editorial in Sunday’s newspaper about Supervisor Tuck and the Mountain Valley Pipeline.

Supervisor Brown-Upcoming Meetings Supervisor Brown will be attending the Chamber of Commerce meeting as the Board’s liaison representative, the County/School Liaison meeting along with Supervisor Biggs and the County Administrator, the Mayors and Chairs meeting in Roanoke, along with the County Administrator. They usually go to the Mayors and Chairs meetings at the PDC office in Radford with people from Pulaski County and Giles County, so this will be the first time attending Roanoke’s Mayors and Chairs meeting, which is an opportunity to meet some of the people from our neighboring district.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned to March 9, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

APPROVED: _____	ATTEST: _____
William H. Brown	F. Craig Meadows
Chair	County Administrator